



Newsletter

April, 2025

Happenings In Our Community

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DEED OF RESTRICTIONS VOTE ANNOUNCED

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The season is ending for many folks, who are heading out in time to spend Easter with family and friends. I want to thank everyone who helped host events and participated in the many events that were scheduled this season. For me, the highlight was seeing how many residents came out to support our 90+ year olds for their birthdays - I think that long line of people really made their day!

Tami Stockero

The Laurel Estates Board of Directors announced the results of the voting of residents to amend the Deed of Restrictions. There are 191 properties in Laurel Estates, and 51% or 97 votes are required to open and amend the Deed. 63 lot owners did not return their ballot. The results were:

FOR the Changes: 50

AGAINST the Changes: 78

The Lot Owners did not approve the change and the matter is considered closed. It may, however, be revisited by a future Board.

EASTER DINNER

Laurel Estates Lot Owners Association has Easter Dinner planned for the Clubhouse on **APRIL 20, 2025** at **1:00PM**. Complete details will be available on the bulletin board in the Clubhouse. Please make sure you sign up for this event so the correct amount of food is purchased. Come and join other residents of Laurel Estates for Fellowship and the Celebration of Easter. Ham and a potato dish will be provided. Please bring a covered dish or dessert to share.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Patricia Lara reported that, recently, the Lee County Sheriff's Office responded to a call concerning individuals on scooters at Lake Arrowhead. A group wearing all black, on scooters, with walkie talkies, very organized, along with a pick up truck which sat at the exit/entrance of Lake Arrowhead. The people on the scooters were very fast and on their walkie talkies. One of the residents called the Sheriff right away. The Deputies were able to arrest two of them and got the license plate of another.

There was also an instance where an unlicensed contractor was soliciting work within the Park and Manny contacted LCSO to have them trespassed.

IMPORTANT! - If you see anything that appears to be suspicious or people who should not be in the park, the fastest way to get a response is to call Lee County Sheriff at: (239) 477-1000. It's a non-emergency line but they seem to be able to dispatch units faster than 911.

POOL EXERCISE

Water Aerobics will take place Monday through Friday at the Laurel Estates Pool. Please make note of the time: Monday thru Friday at 10:00AM All residents are welcome!



Thank You

A Big Thank You!!

For all the cards, flowers, phone calls and many prayers for me after I had my accident.

Ray and I really appreciated it all

God Is Good.

Joyce Crites

SUMMER COOKOUTS

Mark your calendars. Summer cookouts will be held on all three major holidays this summer. They'll be at the Clubhouse at 2:00PM on:

Memorial Day (May 28)

Independence Day (July 4)

Labor Day (September 1)

Please bring a covered dish and your beverage. Hot dogs & Hamburgers will be provided. A sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board at the clubhouse a few weeks prior.

Make sure you sign up.

CHAT n CRAFT

There's a continuation of **Chat n Craft** every week on Thursday at 1:00PM in the Laurel Estates Clubhouse. This is another opportunity for Fellowship with your fellow Laurel Estates residents, and you don't even have to be working on a craft project; just come and chat and meet fellow residents! Here is just a couple of the projects:

NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The next Board Meeting is:
November 6, 2025, at 7:00PM
at the Clubhouse.

Lot Owners are encouraged to attend the Board meetings.

NOVEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The Deadline for announcements, articles and notices will be:

Saturday, October 25, 2025
12:00 NOON

If you're Chairperson for a particular activity, please make sure the Information is complete i.e. Date, Time, Location, Cost as well as your contact information

TALKING TERMITES

By Scott Kight, ACE
April 1, 2025 at 1 pm

Scott Kight, ACE, Associate Certified Entomologist from Fort Myers Pest Control, Inc will be at Laurel Estates at 1 pm on April 1, 2025 to share his knowledge and educate us about termites. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board, so they know how many cookies they need to bring. Please sign up in the Clubhouse by March 30th.

APRIL DINNERS

April 9 will be the final dinner of the season. Dinner starts at 4:00PM. If you can help serving, please contact Sue Taylor. Here are the menus:

APRIL 2

Baked Spaghetti
Baked Fettucine
California Blend
Tossed Salad
Garlic Toast
Dessert
Drink
\$10.00

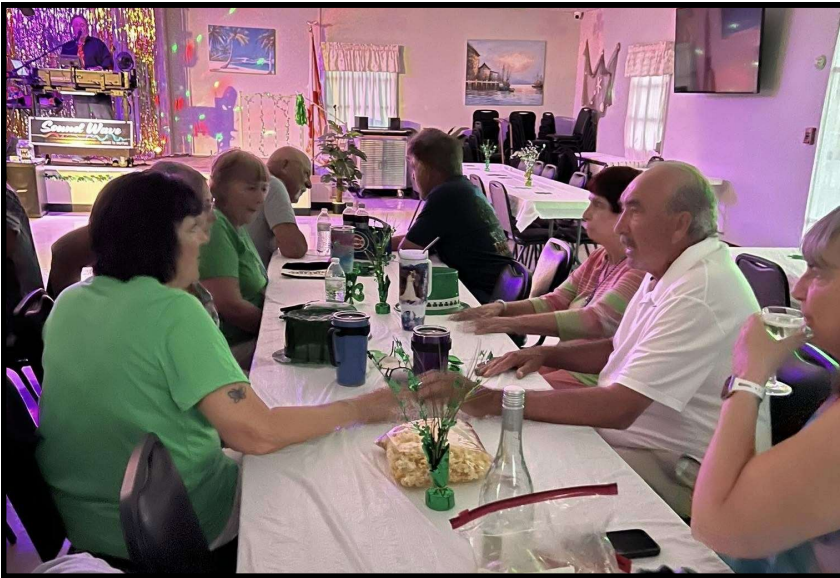
APRIL 9

Meatloaf
Au gratin potatoes
Green Beans
Tossed Salad
Dessert
Drink
\$10.00



DANCING THE NIGHT AWAY

The Final Dance of the 2024-2025 Season
and a great time was had by ALL!!



FROM OUR CHAPLAIN

I continue to learn from our monarchs. Their food source has been very skimpy the last couple months. Fortunately, the caterpillars have also been few. Still, I go out back and find a young caterpillar struggling to find a milkweed plant with leaves on it.

I say struggling, but what do I know? I have not learned their language and, in fact, they seem very laid back! Still, like the proverbial boy scout who helped the old lady across the street (who didn't want to go across the street), I reach down from the heights of eternity (to a caterpillar); I gently lift the fragile, soft body and find a scantily leaved bit of milkweed. The cats seem to be thriving.

Just so, we have a Father who reaches down from eternity—wow—and lifts us up!

Let us continue to pray for one another. In our little community there are many who are struggling with health, loneliness, relationships, finances. Most won't be posted; only the sick.

Elaine is trying to keep us informed as to residents who are sick, in the hospital, etc. I will leave the names to her. She posts them in the clubhouse and on Facebook. Thank you, Elaine.

Beyond that, reach out where and when you can. Sometimes even a friendly nod can lift a heart. How about a couple muffins for a neighbor? Did you make a large pot of soup? A couple servings to a neighbor (even across the park) might say a lot. Make a difference!

Many are traveling home in this season; we pray for safe and pleasant journeys. Then there are those of us who will be hanging right here in, perhaps, crazy traffic and weather. May you watch over all. You, Father, make all the difference. You, neighbors, make a huge difference. The shadow of your influence falls on someone every day. May that influence lift them up.

Your Chaplain and fellow wanderer,
Sylvia Verrill

SUMMER NEWSLETTER

Our Newsletter is generally not published over the Summer. The Reader Board near the main Clubhouse entrance will be updated regularly so be sure you check it for activities.



SHUFFLEBOARD and SOCIAL HOUR

Cindy and Todd Calvin will host Shuffleboard Fun Night every Tuesday at 6:30PM at the Laurel Estates Shuffleboard Courts. This will be a weekly event throughout the Summer as long as there is interest. *PLEASE NOTE: Due to the Board Meeting on 3/25/2025, there will be no Shuffleboard fun night that evening.* Shuffleboard will resume on April 1...(No Fooling)

Cindy and Todd will also host a Social Hour on the Second Thursday of the month at 6:30PM in the Clubhouse. Bring your own beverage and, you can bring a snack to share if you wish.

Both of these activities are a great way to meet fellow residents of Laurel Estates.

SOUPER SATURDAY

March 15, ten residents showed off their soup – crafting prowess at an event in the Club-house. What a tasty day. Thanks to all who participated. The winners:

GRAND PRIZE: Residents who attended and had the opportunity to taste great soups.

FIRST PLACE– Tami Stockero for her Cheesy Bacon Burger Soup, and

SECOND PLACE– Karen Burns for her Chicken Tortilla Soup



COUPONS & POP TABS

I am still collecting soda tabs. I am also cutting Manufactured coupons and mailing to our overseas Veterans and families for my VFW post 10127 N. Ft. Myers. I know we aren't getting a lot anymore, but every little bit helps. You can drop them off at my house and leave on the table in the carport or call me I'll come pick them up. I mail the last week of every month. If you can take the coupons you use and bring me the rest of the paper, I'd appreciate your help You can leave a name and message I'll get back to you.

Thank You,
Andie Smith

BIBLE STUDY

Sylvia Verrill informed us that **Bible Study** will continue through the Summer as long as folks are interested. Study is held in various members' homes, and will take place every Tuesday Morning at 9:00AM. For more information, contact Sylvia Verrill.

This is an excellent opportunity for meeting and fellowship with your fellow residents and neighbors.

All are welcome

FOOD DRIVE

March 31, 2025 is the last day that donations of non-perishable food will be accepted. Please double check to make certain the your donations are not expired.

This will be your last opportunity to donate until next season. Thanks to all who participate for their support

Social Coordinator Notes for April 2025

Most of our activities have come to a close for this season, however there are some that continue throughout the year.

Reminder: The food Drive ends on March 31, 2025. Please donate if you can. But please check the expiration date.

Thank you to all that have agreed to chair activities for next season.

I do have a few open events that I still need a chairperson for:

Coffee Café for February 2026

Thanksgiving Dinner for 2025

Easter Dinner for 2026

Ice Cream Social for 2026

If you are interested or would like more information about any of these events, please contact me.

All events for next season can be found on the Laurel Estates Website.

Thanks to all who help make our social events so successful.

Please contact me with any changes, corrections or additions to your event.

Have a happy and healthy summer!
Theresa Koszarek
(Text or Call)

**NEWSLETTERS will be posted on
the Laurel Estates Facebook pages at
least one day prior to being available
in the Clubhouse.**

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CLOSING YOUR HOME FOR THE SUMMER

Here are some suggestions to follow when you're closing your home for the Summer. This information is a consolidation of suggestions provided by Tom Clark and former resident Judy Schlundt.

Kitchen / Laundry / Bathroom

- ♦ Unplug all small appliances and cover.
- ♦ Discard all perishable items
- ♦ Clean all surfaces
- ♦ Unplug or turn off refrigerator and leave door open, OR if you elect to keep it on, fill jugs with tap water and place in refrigerator (A full refrigerator/freezer will use less energy than an empty one)
- ♦ Open cupboard doors
- ♦ Remove food particles from the filter in dishwasher
- ♦ Run dishwasher through short cycle
- ♦ Clean garbage disposer by running a batch of ice cubes, then running through a solution of baking soda and water. Leave stopper in place
- ♦ Block the door to the dishwasher open
- ♦ Clean oven, broiler and drip trays under surface units of range.
- ♦ Close all sink drains or cover with plastic wrap and a weight
- ♦ Unplug Microwave, stove, washer and dryer
- ♦ Turn off water to washer
- ♦ Add a cup of bleach to toilet and cover toilet and tank with plastic wrap
- ♦ Turn off water under sinks and commodes

Bedrooms

- ♦ Open all closet and cupboard doors
- ♦ Leave only clean clothes in closet
- ♦ Allow space between garments to allow for air circulation
- ♦ Don't leave items on the floor
- ♦ Use plastic hangers to prevent rust damage

Living Room

- ♦ Vacuum rugs and furniture
- ♦ Cover Living Room furniture to avoid dust and sun fade

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- ♦ Remove throw rugs from floor so carpet can breath.

Inside

- ♦ Turn off water heater at breaker box
- ♦ Set thermostat at 78-80 degrees automatic cool and humidistat at 40%-60% relative humidity
- ♦ Replace air conditioner / furnace filter
- ♦ Place lights on timers to simulate movement in house
- ♦ Close and lock all windows
- ♦ Close all blinds and drapes
- ♦ Make sure all smoke alarms are working and have fresh batteries.
- ♦ Wedge dowels in window tracks and doors to prevent burglars from opening them
- Open all doors, including closet doors to allow airflow.
- Pack all prescription medications including “refrigerated meds.”

Outside

- Have your air conditioner / heater serviced
Arrange for hurricane shutters to be installed when a tropical storm/hurricane watch or warning is in effect. Have them removed a few days after the storm / hurricane has departed.
Bring cushions from patio furniture inside
Turn off main water valve
Close all exterior shutters and put awnings down
Arrange to have lawn cut and bushes trimmed regularly
Leave houseplants outside/hang in trees
Remove all furniture from lanai

General

- Place a temporary stop on Newspaper Delivery
Place phone, cable and internet on “vacation status.”
Return library books, rented videos/DVD’s.
Unplug electrical appliances and computers susceptible to lightning and power surges.
Turn circuit breaker off to water heater.
Ask a friend, neighbor or home watch company to check on your property every week while you’re away.
Activate your home security system

Above all, have a safe and enjoyable trip to your Northern Home, and we’ll see you in the Fall!



...and Peter Cactus-tail wishes everyone a Happy Easter!

LAUREL ESTATES							APRIL 2025		
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY			
		1	2	3	4	5			
FOOD DRIVE ENDS 3/31/25		Talking Termites 1 pm Scott Kight							
6	7	8	9	10	11	12			
				Social Hour 6:30 pm Cindy/Todd Cal- vin					
13	14	15	16	17	18	19			
					<u>Good Friday</u>				
20	21	22	23	24	25	26			
Easter Dinner 1 pm Patty Poe									
27	28	29	30						

WEEKLY EVENTS**April 2025****Monday**

9:30 am	Fun Golf	George Henry	
10:00 am	Water Aerobics	Patty Poe	
6:00 pm	Cards	Just Show Up	Cards: Poker, Hand/Foot

Tuesday

10:00 am	Water Aerobics	Patty Poe	
6:00 pm	Games		Euchre, Cribbage
6:30 pm	Shuffleboard Fun Night	Todd Calvin	

Wednesday

10:00 am	Chair Yoga	Theresa Koszarek (last one 4/9/25)	
9:00 am	Water Aerobics	Patty Poe	
4:00 pm	Weekly Dinner	Sue Taylor (Last one 4/9/25))	
6:00 pm	Bingo	Tami Stockero (Last one 4/9/25)	

Thursday

10:00 am	Pool Exercise	Patty Poe	
1:00 pm	Chat n Craft	Sylvia Verrill	

Friday

9:00 am	Chair Yoga	Theresa Koszarek (Last one 4/9/25)	
10:00 am	Pool Exercise	Patty Poe	

Saturday